

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A drawing tool comprising:

a drawing canvas for drawing at least one pattern part;

a pattern part window for displaying a plurality of the pattern parts, wherein the pattern parts being are candidates candidate set for to be drawn on the drawing canvas;

a pointing device for dragging and dropping at least one pattern part, wherein the at least one pattern part is any one, selected from the plurality of pattern parts displayed on the pattern part window, of the pattern parts;

an attribute palette having comprising a plurality of attribute display regions for displaying attributes selectively given with respect to the selected pattern part;

an attribute detection means for detecting in the attribute palette an attribute display region through which the pointing device has passed along a route in which the selected pattern part is dragged and dropped onto the drawing canvas using the pointing device;

an attribute hold means for holding an attribute that is selectively determined corresponding to correspond to the detected attribute display region; and

a drawing means for drawing, by the selected pattern part being dropped onto the drawing canvas, the pattern part having the held attribute by dropping the selected pattern part onto the drawing canvas.

2. (original): A drawing tool as recited in claim 1, wherein the pattern part window is provided on a perimeter portion of the drawing canvas, and the attribute palette is provided inward of the pattern part window in the drawing canvas.

3. (currently amended): A drawing method comprising the steps of:

~~selecting any one of pattern parts~~ at least one pattern part ~~from a plurality of pattern parts on a pattern part window, wherein the pattern part window displays for displaying~~ a plurality of pattern parts ~~being a candidate set~~ which are candidates for drawing to be drawn;

based only on the selected pattern part passing, along a route in which the selected pattern part is dragged using a pointing device ~~to move~~ which moves the pattern part into a position in which the pattern part is drawn onto a drawing canvas, through any of attribute display regions in an attribute palette ~~having comprising~~ a plurality of the attribute display regions for displaying attributes selectively given with respect to the selected pattern part, detecting the attribute display region, and holding an attribute selectively determined ~~corresponding to~~ correspond to the detected attribute display region; and

drawing the pattern part provided with the held attribute by the selected pattern part being moved and dropped into the position where the pattern part is drawn onto the drawing canvas.

4. (new): The drawing tool according to claim 1, wherein the pattern part window and the attribute palette are separately provided on the drawing canvas.

5. (new): The drawing tool according to claim 1, wherein the attribute detection means detects the attribute display region through which the pointing device has passed along a route from the pattern part window to the drawing canvas.

6. (new): The drawing tool according to claim 1, further comprising a plurality of attribute palettes each comprising different attributes of a pattern part.

7. (new): The drawing tool according to claim 1, wherein an attribute of a pattern part is modified by dragging the pointing device through the attribute in the attribute palette.